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SUBJECT: SFCP-FY 76 GRANT SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

1. ON ASSUMPTION REFTTEL REFERS TO SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY GRANT PROGRAM, WE DO NOT FEEL THAT THE FY 1976 PROJECTED PROGRAM SHOULD BE PRESENTED AS SUC TO JWG ON TECHNOLOGY, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR SEVERAL MAJOR REASONS:

A. THE PROGRAM PACKAGE INCLUDES SOME AGENCIES AND PROJECTS WHICH ARE OUTSIDE THE PURVIEW OR THE MORE IMMEDIATE AND PRIORITY INTERESTS OF THE JWG(E.G. SMITHSONIAN, HEW/PHS). IT IS APPROPRIATE THAT THE JWG TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THOSE ON-GOING SFCP PROJECTS IN SPECIFIED SUBJECT AREAS AND HELP TO SHAPE FUTURE EFFORTS IN THOSE AREAS, BUT THE FOCUS WOULD BE ON SUBJECT AND THE RELEVANT AGENCY'S PROGRAM RATHER THAN THE SFC PROGRAM

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AS A WHOLE.

B. REVIEW BY JWG-TRD WOULD BE ADDED ELEMENT AT A TIME WHEN, IT APPEARS TO US, GOE HAS NOT YET FULLY SORTED ITSELF OUT INTERNALLY AS TO HANDLING OF THE SFC SCIENCE PROGRAM.

C. REVIEW BY JWG-TRD COULD LEAD TO IMPRESSION OF COMMITMENT, WHICH IS NOT INTENT OF PROJECTED PROGRAM "PACKAGE", ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE PROPOSALS OR PROJECTS THAT HAVE NUMBER OF HURDLES YET TO OVERCOME BEFORE AGREEMENT, AS WELL AS UNCERTAINTIES OF AGENCIES' APPROPRIATIONS.

2. ABOVE IS NOT TO SAY IN DUE TIME JWG COULD NOT BE SUITABLE FORUM, BUT BELIEVE WE WILL HAVE ASSESS POSSIBILITY AFTER FURTHER EXPERIENCE WITH JWG MECHANISM.

3. EMBASSY MAY DRAW ON ABOVE ARGUMENTS AS APPROPRIATE IN RESPONDING TO BARAKA. INGERSOLL

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